

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? C.F.C. school

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-189-001 #1 - I think it is needed, but at least 75% of the electricity produced should be wind or solar, not coal or oil.
- I-189-002 #2. Try to stay away from running parallel with river and major roads.
- I-189-003 #3. Try to use existing routes or easements if possible.
- #4. make it twice as more capacity right away
- #5.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-189-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-189-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-189-003

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

#1. We (Wald Prosport) rent agricultural land from Dairyland Power Coop and would like a 10 year extension.

2. we would like 15 2.5 MW wind turbines put on our property. (class III wind) at 300 ft is class four. We are in U.S. fish & wild life recamulation for wind turbine placement for distance from Mississippi River (1 mile from cliffs)

3. Dairyland Power has 1 1/2 miles of power lines on our and Xcell energy has 1/2 miles.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

→ We are 2 miles East of Dairyland Power generation plant at Abma, Wis. In the main River.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-189-004

yes it is needed; But I did not find out how much electricity is produced by coal and how much is produced by renewables for this 345 KV line.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-189-004

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.